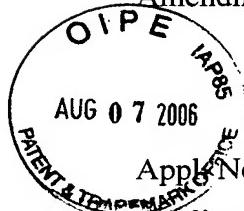


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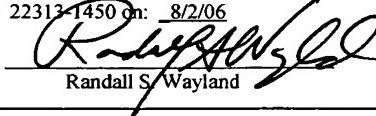
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Sir:

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**Amendments to the Claims – page 2 following;**

**Remarks/Arguments – page 4 following.**